

RACKHAM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – ANN ARBOR, MI

RESOLUTION ON COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RACKHAM AND GRADUATE STUDENTS AND WRITTEN TUITION GUARANTEES FROM RACKHAM BOTH REGARDING THE ENACTED CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT POLICY.

(RESOLUTION: SS-09-02)

Whereas, information about the proposed continuous enrollment policy was not made widely available to graduate students before it was voted on by the Rackham Executive Board on December 10, 2008, **AND**

Whereas, in a letter to graduate students on May 14, 2009, Dean Weiss wrote “the intent of the policy is that students who don’t pay tuition now should not pay tuition under continuous enrollment,” **AND**

Whereas, in a letter to graduate students on May 14, 2009, Dean Weiss also wrote “tuition fellowships will fill the gap between funding already committed to students and funding required under the new policy,” **AND**

Whereas, in a letter to graduate students on May 14, 2009, Dean Weiss also wrote “if we find that the implementation of the continuous enrollment policy has an unanticipated negative impact on students, we are prepared to alter or, if necessary, to roll back the policy”

Therefore be it resolved by the Rackham Student Government on behalf of the student body of the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School that a written statement ensuring that under the proposed continuous enrollment policy, students who are currently exempt from paying tuition will be guaranteed a tuition fellowship or an equivalent source of funding for each semester of their graduate studies thus financially holding the students harmless under the proposed policy, **AND**

Therefore be it finally resolved that Rackham Student Government further requests that Rackham communicates this policy in its full form one month before it is presented to the University of Michigan Board of Regents to allow for sufficient student feedback.

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Yes: No: Abs: NV: Date: